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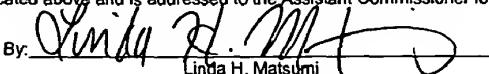
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In re Application of: )  
Hugh J. PASIKA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3661  
Application No.: 09/911,903 ) Examiner: To Be Assigned  
Filed: July 23, 2001 )  
For: METHODS, SYSTEMS, AND )  
ARTICLES OF MANUFACTURE )  
FOR EVALUATING BIOLOGICAL )  
DATA )

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend page 2, first paragraph, to read as follows:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No.

60/219,697, filed on July 21, 2000, U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/227,556,

filed on August 23, 2000, (and is a continuation in part of) U.S. Application Serial No.

09/724,910, filed November 28, 2000, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No.

60/290,129, filed on May 10, 2001. This application incorporates by reference all of the

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